(a) whether private aviation companies are posing stiff competition to the Government aviation companies; and

(b) if so, the number of such private companies and the routes for which licences have been issued to them?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). At present seven companies have obtained permits to operate Air Taxi Services. They are free to operate to any airfield open to scheduled services. No routewise licences are issued. They are expected to supplement the services provided by the existing scheduled operations and improve the services by infusing some competition.

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T. V. Transmitter at Karimnagar, Andhra Pradesh

6257. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO. Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up 10 KW transmitter at Karimnagar, Andhra Pradesh for transmission of TV programmes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the places in Andhra Pradesh where 10 KW transmitters are likely to be installed during 1992-93?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A high power (10 KW) TV transmitter replacement of the existing low power (100 W) TV transmitter at Tirupati is expected to be commissioned into service during 1992-93.

Safety Measures at Shrinagar Airport

6258. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether safety measures provided at Shrinagar Airport are not adequate; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to ensure safety or passengers?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Adequate safety measures have been provided at Srinagar airport and their adequacy is periodically reviewed in the light of theat perception.

Conveyance for Postmen in Uttar Pradesh

6259. SHRIMATI GIRIJA DEVI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide conveyance to the postmen for carrying money orders and other valuable parcels for delivery to the addresses to the North Bihar district Savan, Siwan and Gopalganj;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government grants cycle allowance to postmen whenever use of cycle is advantageous, and justified by standards.

Long Term Plan to Develop Tourism

6260. SHRI CHANDRA JEET YADAV. Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any long term plan to develop tourism in the country,

(b) whether any specific development plan has been presented to the Planning Commission for inclusion in the Eighth Five Year Plan and also a perspective plan for the subsequent two/three plans and

(c) if so, the main features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The Central Department of Tourism have presented to the Planning Commission a draft Eight Five Year Plan which inter alia includes schemes for development of tourism infrastructure, marketing & man power and institutional development, etc However, no perspective plant for the subsequent two/three plants has been presented

Extension of Air Service in Madhya Pradesh

6261 SHRI YOGANAND SARASWATI
SHRI ARVIND NETAM

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) the name of the cities in Madhya Pradesh linked with regular air-service at present;

(b) whether a proposal to link some more cities with regular air service has been sent by the Government of Madhya Pradesh to the Union Government;

(c) if so, the names of the cities recommended for air link; and

(d) the time by which the proposal is likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) Indian Airlines operates its services to Gwalior, Bhopal, Indore, Raipur and Khajuraho in Madhya Pradesh

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir Government of Madhya Pradesh requested restoration of Vayudoot flights to Indore, Khajuraho, Bilaspur, Rewa, Jabalpure, Raipur, Jagalpur, Guna, Satna, Gwalior and Bhopal Due to commercial and operational reasons Vayudoot is unable to restore its services in Madhya Pradesh Air taxi operators are free to operate to all airports in the country open to scheduled operations

Inclusion of Inter-State Rivers in the Concurrent List

6262 SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state

(a) whether the Union Government have considered the desirability of bringing the inter state rivers on the concurrent list,

(b) if so, whether any discussion on this issue has been held with any State Government, and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA) (a) to (c) There is no proposal for